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## Must Get Together

If there is going to be a real bipartisan foreign policy, there must be agreement on national defense that will transcend all partisan considerations. There should be some agreement within the parties.

This is made difficult by conflicting statements from many official sources.

Only recently when Secretary of Defense Charles E. Wilson announced deep cuts in the size of the United States Army he gave the reason that chances are better for peace and that therefore smaller armed forces are permissible.

Secretary of State John Foster Dulles very soon thereafter stated that the cuts were made possible by technological improvements in weapons which would permit greater armed strength with fewer men. Mr. Dulles denied that the danger of war has declined.

These two men in high official responsibility in the same Cabinet should be receiving the factual information upon which they base their forecasts from the same source. Mr. Wilson, as secretary of defense, should be advised as to the danger of war by the Central Intelligence Agency, of which the brother of Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, Allen Dulles, is the director.

Sen. Estes Kefauver (D-Tenn.) has said that he wants assurances that the cuts are not made simply in order to try to balance the budget without due consideration for the needs of national defense.

There is very little political advantage that could come to the Democrats by opposing any cuts in defense spending. Bargain-counter defense may be popular. It also may be fatal.

Here is one place where political considerations should be set aside and we believe that the party which considers political consequences less will gain more in the long run in public confidence.

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